

Remarks

As far as Applicants can tell there is a word-for-word identity between the body of the Office Action of September 24, 2008, and the Office Action of March 25, 2008. It is respectfully suggested that an error has occurred, as a result of which any new rejections (or amendments to the previous rejections) have been lost from the text of the Office Action as issued.

The first paragraph of the Office Action says that Applicants' Arguments/Remarks filed 6/25/2008 have been fully considered. The paragraph at the end of the Office Action states that Applicants' Arguments are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection, but there are no new grounds of rejection. Everything in between appears to have been carried over unchanged from the previous Office Action of March 25, 2008.

Applicants are therefore obliged to point out that all of the issues raised in the Office Action have previously been traversed in the response filed on June 25, 2008, and the Office Action fails to answer the substance of Applicant's argument as directed by MPEP §707.07(f).

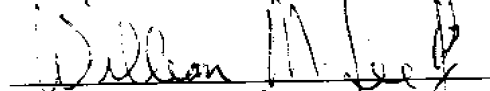
For the avoidance of doubt, Applicant's response filed on June 25, 2008 is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety as a complete response to the most recent Office Action.

In view of the above observations, Applicants maintain their request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections, and allow the application.

An appropriate Petition for Extension of Time also accompanies this response, and the Applicants regret the delay in filing the response, but an intervening bankruptcy filing of the Assignee of the application has led to the unfortunate delay.

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Respectfully submitted,

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